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SUBJ: MEHNERT'S COMMENTS ON FRG-BRAZIL ATOMIC POWER AGREEMENT

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- 1. AGREE COMPLETELY WITH BREMEN 102 RE SIGNIFICANCE OF MEHNERT'S COMMENTS TO KEY PERSONAGES ON FRG-BRAZIL ATOMIC POWER AGREEMENT. THIS IS THEME WHICH POPS UP WITH INCREASING FRE-QUENCY HERE AND IS LINKED TO SECONDARY THEME FREQUENTLY HEARD OVER PAST YEAR REGARDING US MONOPOLIES (EXXON, ETC.) BEINGS"OUT OF CONTROL". THIS SUBJECT RAISED AT AMERIKA HAUS HERRENABEND IN SOMEWHAT VEHEMENT TERMS (REPORTED BY USIS STUTTGART TELEX NO. 35, FEBRUARY 9, 1977) AND IN A LETTER RECEIVED FROM AN ASSOCIATION IN REUTLINGEN, WHERE I SHALL SPEAK BEFORE THE INDUSTRIE UND HANDELSKAMMER ON US-GERMAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS ON MARCH 21.
- 2. WHILE ONE WOULD THINK THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN US SECURITY CONCERNS AND FRG ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES CAN BE MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REASONABLY CLEAR, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE CASE. MOREOVER, THE CHARGE THAT GIANT US INTERNATIONALS EXERT EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE ON US GOVERNMENT AND IN EFFECT ARE "OUT OF CONTROL" IS FREQUENTLY PUT FORTH IN MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES. IT WAS ADVANCED BY ECONOMIC EDITOR OF ONE STUTTGART PAPER AND MANAGING EDITOR OF THE OTHER AT AFOREMENTIONED HERRENABEND. LAST YEAR DIRECTOR ZAHN OF DAIMLER-BENZ, TO SHOW US

"WHAT LEFTIST MEDIA IS UP TO", ARRANGED VIDEO-TAPE SHOWING OF HALF-HOUR NDR PROGRAM ON GIANT US CORPORATIONS IN NEW YORK WHICH THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY AND NARRATIVE WERE CLEVERLY DEPICTED AS DWARFING GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON.

- 3. IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, US FIRMS FOR REASONS OF "NON-PROLIFERATION" WERE NOT PERMITTED BY US GOVERNMENT TO BID ON BRAZIL CONTRACT. MOREOVER, SOMEWHERE THE PRESIDENT OR ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FRG WOULD REALIZE A PROFITABLE ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENT WITH BRAZIL. WE MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO HANDLE DELICATE OUESTION OF WHY NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS DANGEROUS IN BRAZIL AND NOT IN INDIA WHEN SUPPLIED BY U.S., AS ALLEGED OCCASIONALLY IN LOCAL MEDIA AND CONVERSATIONS. IT IS APPRECIATED HERE THAT BRAZIL TOPIC IS SENSITIVE AT THIS JUNCTURE. AND THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE WELL SERVED BY A PUBLIC DEBATE AT THIS TIME (STUTTGART AMERIKA HAUS FEBRUARY 16 PROGRAM ON THE NEW AMERI-CAN NUCLEAR POLICY, FEATURING PROF. FELD WAS CANCELLED). HOW-EVER, IT APPEARS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE PREPARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HANDLE THE SUBJECT IN ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS, AND THAT PAST RECORD OF OUR POSITION MENTIONED ABOVE IN THIS PARA-GRAPH BE SET STRAIGHT.
- 4. MEANWHILE, POST WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF US APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS MENTIONED FEBRUARY 9 WIRELESS FILE: I.E., (A) "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT"; (B) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; (C) MULTILATERAL TRADE; AND (D) ENERGY. ALL FALL CLEARLY WITHIN OUR DEFINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY OBJECTIVES (AMBASSADOR'S DECEMBER 14 LETTER).

5. WHEN THE RECORD IS REASONABLY STRAIGHT ON THE BRAZIL ISSUE, AND IF EMBASSY APPROVES, I COULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO KLAUS MEHNERT (MY PRE-WAR EUROPEAN HISTORY PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII) AT HIS HOME IN FREUDENSTADT, BADENWUERTTEMBERG. ON BASIS OF MATERIALS REQUESTED PARAGRAPH 4, WE CAN ALSO PREPARE TALK ON ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC APPROACH WHICH WILL BE USEFUL NOT ONLY AT REUTLINGEN IHK, BUT AT A NUMBER OF ROTARY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS.

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